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Desert Storm Sons Remembered

*Grant, Pendleton County Women
Receive Gold Star Mother License Plates*

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(WILLIAMSTOWN, Ky, Jan. 4, 2008) Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs Commissioner Leslie E. Beavers presented Gold Star Mother license plates today to two Kentucky women whose sons died in Operation Desert Storm.

Sally Marsh Edwards of Williamstown accepted the plate personalized "2-91" in honor of her son Marine Captain Jonathan E. Edwards.

Liellen H. Hitchinson of Falmouth accepted the plate personalized "1991" in honor of her son Army Staff Sergeant William T. Butts.

Sergeant Butts and Captain Edwards both died in 1991 of injuries sustained while serving our country during Operation Desert Storm.

Both women expressed their gratitude for and strong support of Kentucky's Gold Star Mothers license plate program, and urged Rep. Royce Adams, who was present, to help pass legislation expanding the program during the General Assembly session that begins next Tuesday.

In April 2006, Kentucky began issuing personalized license plates to Gold Star Mothers, who are parents whose children have died in military service. To date, Kentucky has presented more than 30 of the special plates to such parents.

When you see license plates with a Gold Star on the left, take a moment to acknowledge the mother whose child made the ultimate sacrifice and the very high cost of freedom.

